

## SECRETARY MEYER ASKS THREE SHIPS IN COMING YEAR

Fight Over Battleships Is  
Staged Again With Appeal  
of Department.

The beginning of the battleship fight in the House was staged today when Secretary of the Navy Meyer appeared before the Naval Affairs Committee and urged appropriations for three battleships, despite the one-battleship appropriation of last year and the movement now on foot to restrict the authorization to the same number at this session.

Secretary Meyer, who appeared at an executive session of the committee, which is considering the naval bill, told the House members that on the completion of the Pearl Harbor naval station, Hawaii, the United States would have practically unprotected what is intended to be the most powerful and important naval station in the world.

Expect Hot Fight.

The appearance of Secretary Meyer before the House Committee means the beginning of the fight between the Navy Department and the House on the subject of battleships. The Democrats of the lower body last session went on record as being opposed to the annual authorization for two new ships, which had been the rule under Republican administration.

The Senate stood out for two ships and the House Democrats held four caucuses on the subject, first hindering the party to a "no battleship" program and finally compromising on one dreadnaught.

Now the Navy Department proposes to "catch up" by asking for three ships in the appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1913. Meanwhile, Congressmen Burnett of Alabama is circulating the House and endeavoring to line up a sufficient number of votes to kill any authorization for more than one new dreadnaught.

Fear Loss of Power.

The "friends of the navy" are scurrying around also, and are hammering home the argument that unless this country builds at least two ships a year it will eventually fall behind even a number of the smaller nations so far as naval strength is concerned.

Secretary Meyer also urged the House committee today to authorize liberal increases in other branches of the naval service, as recommended in the Secretary's annual report.

The Naval Affairs Committee is regarded as a one battleship committee, and the fight proper will come in the House and Senate. It is highly improbable that the committee will consider for a moment the suggestion of three new dreadnaughts.

CUBANS DEFEND  
RAILWAY SUBSIDY

Interests of British Line Not Damaged by New Road, Is Claim.

The interest of the British owners of the Cuban Central Railway, Limited, have not been jeopardized by the granting of a subsidy of \$1,000,000 to an American corporation, which proposes to build a new Cuban line, according to statements by the Cuban government to the American legation at Havana.

British interests recently filed a protest and Minister Beaupre was directed to investigate the situation and determine whether the subsidy would injure existing property.

The report received by the State Department from Cuba has been transmitted to the British embassy and the next move must be made by England, which may or may not be satisfied with the Cuban denial.

Separation Ends Liability.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—In the case of M. Colouhett sued for \$4,000 moderate and dreamlike bills contracted by his estranged wife, the judges held that separation ends a husband's liabilities.

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## FINED INSTEAD OF RECEIVING REWARD

Three Men Who 'Captured' White Veteran as Escaped  
Insane Patient Arrested on His Complaint  
of Assault in Anacostia.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU.  
ANACOSTIA, D. C., JAN. 11.

Overpowered by three colored men, who insisted that he was a patient who had escaped from the Government Hospital for the Insane Charles F. Travers, an veteran of the civil war, eluded his captors long enough to appeal to a squad of policemen who were on the drill field near the Anacostia police station yesterday. They protected him from the three men, whom they arrested.

Travers lives at 635 E street southwest, and yesterday he visited the steel works at Giesboro, where he tried to secure employment. He was in uniform and, when he left the steel plant, took the route along the Baltimore and Ohio freight tracks, which pass in the rear of the Government Hospital for the Insane. When he was near Anacostia three colored men sprang from the bushes and held him up.

questioning they seized him, and forced him to go to the Anacostia police station. Travers' protests were laughed at. The colored men, who were charged with assault on the old man, gave their names as George Matthews, Clyde Wiseman, and Edward Sorrell. They expected to be rewarded in the sum of \$5 each by returning the veteran to St. Elizabeth's Asylum instead of which they found that amount to be required from each of them to secure their release from custody, and in default of which sum they were sent to the cells.

Thrown over his horse's head and alighting in a clay bank with terrific force, Policeman A. L. Lucas, of the Eleventh precinct, was injured painfully about the head, the right shoulder and one arm. The accident occurred at Ridge road and Alabama avenue.

Minola Tribe, No. 14, Improved Order of Red Men, has made public the list of officers appointed by the sashem following the late election. These officers are: J. M. Caton, first sashem; Richard H. Nelson, second sashem; George E. Delmage, guard of the wigwam; Louis Weigle, guard of the forest. The committee on finances include: E. A. Humphries; Ernest S. White, and H. M. Carver. The degree team, with Past Sachem George Baxter directing, conferred the warrior's degree upon several candidates.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Congress Heights School is arranging for a meeting next Friday afternoon in that building. Mrs. Merritt Earle will have the program in charge. There has been scheduled for this meeting an address to the parents by Dr. Mary O'Malley, a member of the medical staff of the Government Hospital for the Insane, on "Nervous Diseases in the Child."

The Rev. Willard G. Davenport, rector of the Emmanuel P. E. Church, has been appointed chaplain of Anacostia Lodge, No. 21, F. A. A. S. for the eighteenth consecutive year. William F. Gude, of Washington, long-time a member of Anacostia Lodge, was re-elected as its representative on the Masonic board of relief.

Harry R. Knott, of Valley place, and Magill Readmond, of Fourteenth street, today left for Hot Springs, Ark. They will be there until next spring.

Charles Gilbert, a former Good Hope boy, who has been in New York for the past year, has been visiting his family in the suburb named.

A call has been issued by Secretary D. C. Fountain, of the East Washington Heights Citizens' Association, for a meeting of that body on Monday evening in the home of the secretary, in Bowen road.

The Rev. Merritt Earle, pastor of the Methodist Church in Congress Heights, has planned a series of meetings for the probationers in his congregation, to be held each Thursday afternoon in the pastorage.

Charles E. Entwistle, of the firm of Weiss & Entwistle, who has been quite ill at his home, 1530 W street, was reported today to be improving.

Charles F. Purdy, chairman of the building committee named by Congress Heights Baptists, who have bought a portable church, plans to have the building up within the coming two weeks. Work is proceeding daily.

MARRYING CADET  
LEAVES ACADEMY

West Pointer Forestalls the Necessity of Having Resignation Demanded.

Elmer E. Adler, the West Point cadet who eloped and married Miss Florence Davis, has sent his resignation, according to report, to Col. Clarence P. Tompkins, superintendent of the Military Academy. This eases the situation for the military authorities, as Adler's resignation would have been demanded, marriage during the course of training and instruction at the Military Academy being in violation of the rules and equivalent to a refusal to abide by the law of the army.

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## SWINDLERS REAP HARVEST OF \$167 IN FARM FLIM FLAM

Marylander Pays Sum to  
Get to Be Manager of  
"Florida Property."

Jacob M. Jones, a farmer, of Garrett Mill, Garrett county, Md., complained to the police of the First precinct today that he was swindled out of \$167 by two confidence men whom he met at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Both men were well dressed and approached Jones on the pretext that they were looking for a manager for a large country estate in Florida.

"We're strangers in the city," one of the men said to him, "and thought perhaps you could tell us where we could find a good man. The salary is large enough to make it worth while."

Jones confided that he, too, was a stranger; also that he was an agriculturist, and that if the salary was of generous proportions he was probably just the man they were looking for. He thought it a remarkable coincidence that they should have picked him out to ask for information.

Fruit vs. Stones.

The beauties of Florida were pictured in vivid terms, comparisons were made with farming in the sunny South and Maryland, of picking oranges and other citrus fruit instead of pushing a plow over stony fields. Jones decided that Florida was the one place in the world for him.

Incidentally one of the strangers recalled how he had met Jones at an outing at Pen Mar several years ago.

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## SHOE MACHINERY CASE CONSIDERED BY SUPREME COURT

Tribunal Takes Sherman  
Law Suit Under Advice-  
ment After Hearing.

The Supreme Court now has the United Shoe Machinery Company case under advisement. Arguments in the case were completed yesterday. Solicitor General Bullitt for the Government advanced the doctrine that combination of an "undue proportion" of trade violates the Sherman law.

Frederick P. Fish, one of the counsel for the company, said the "undue proportion" argument fell short because the patent laws gave the company a right to possess 100 per cent of the trade.

Chief Justice White asked numerous questions. He reminded Mr. Bullitt that the Attorney General did not take the "undue proportion" attitude in the tobacco case and disclaimed it. The Solicitor General said that he did not preclude taking it in this case, where no unfair competition was charged.

"If the present attitude of the Government is not correct the sooner business men know it the better," said the Solicitor General.

Chief Justice White asked Mr. Fish: "Isn't your argument of economic combination into one plant destructive of the whole patent law?"

"In what way?" asked Mr. Fish. "Doesn't the patent law grant patents to one because it aims to stimulate others to invent?"

"Yes." "Then, if you allow three or four to combine patents, you take away the incentive to patent."

Mr. Fish did not agree and said many improvements in the art had occurred since the merger.

Hurt in Elevator.

John Pratt, colored, thirty-seven years old, had his left ankle fractured this morning by being caught in an elevator at the store of S. Kann, Sons & Co., where he is employed. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital in an ambulance.

Sues for Divorce.

A suit for an absolute divorce was filed in the District Supreme Court today by William Rhodes against Mabel Rhodes. The couple were married at Rockville, Md., July 11, 1908, and have one child. W. A. Coombe is attorney for the husband.

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